

REMARKS

Consideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

The specification has been amended to refer to the priority applications.

Claims 4-7 are amended to comport with U.S. style claim practice. Claims 8, 9 and 12 are cancelled without disclaimer of, or prejudice to, the subject matter therein. No new matter has been added.

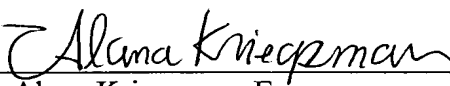
Accordingly, the claims pending and under consideration are claims 1-7, and 10-11.

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement with a copy of the International Search Report and documents cited therein.

Early favourable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance of claims 1-7, and 10-11 be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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